



# MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S BOARD REPORT

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2013

**TROPHIES** – The administrative team and I worked on a plan of action for the current inventory of trophies in boxes at West Snyder Elementary School. Our multi-step plan includes:

1. Mrs. Arbogast will attempt to contact individual or families of individuals whose name is on the trophy
2. In February/March we will hold a silent auction in the high school gymnasium where folks can attend, browse, and provide their silent bid for the item
3. We would like to hand the banners (team banners for athletics) in the high school gymnasium
4. If there is anything left after all of that we will properly discard

What does the Board think about this plan?

**“MY VOICE PA”** – We will receive a \$1,000 grant to be used for a My Voice PA project of their choosing, which is money to be used to promote positive life choices and a reduction in alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. More information can be found at [www.myvoicepa.org](http://www.myvoicepa.org).

**CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY** – In an attempt at gathering feedback from visitors to our schools we have created a customer service survey. You have a sample of this survey in your packet this evening. Is this something the Board would like to consider?

**TRANSITIONS PROGRAMS** (Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition) – This year we will again be scheduling Transitions programs to support healthy relationships, bullying, acquaintance awareness and internet safety. The programs include:

**Midd-West Elementary Schools:**

The Safe Touch Rule – Kindergarten

Who Should I Tell? – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Little Bear – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

What We've Learned About Bullying – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

What Tadoo With Secrets – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Building Healthy Relationships – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Midd-West Middle School:**

Popularity: What's the Price? – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Talking About Sexual Harassment – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Cyber Bullying Prevention – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Internet Safety – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Internet Safety – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Staying Safe on the Internet (for Individual w/IDD) – LSS

**Midd-West High School:**

Internet Safety – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Date Rape/Date Rape Drugs (RAVE Party) – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**FITNESS CENTER** – Six members of the community the first week and eight members the second week. Mrs. Murray said some people have already paid ahead for up-and-coming weeks. She is pleased with our initial participation.

**MUSTANG KIDS** – Mrs. Murray sent out an email to you last Wednesday about our new Mustang Kids program. This is a new program that MWEA began working on last year that is designed to help students who may need things like clothing, glasses, medical services/supplies, etc. We will be using our casual Friday money to help support this program, but you are welcome to make a donation outside of casual Friday if you would like to contribute. If you have other questions, please contact Mrs. Ann Murray. Information is also available on our website.

**AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP/CAREER & TECH PROGRAMS** – Expect a budget increase in this area, which is the result of a more thorough review of our data and a laser-like focus on PIMS accuracy, as well as expanded opportunities in the Career & Technical course offerings. At first glance it looks like the approximate increase will be around \$49,000 based on an Average Daily Membership (ADM) in 2013-2014 of 130 students compared to 64.5 ADM in 2012-2013.

**MULTIPLICATION** – Mr. Aucker & Mr. Harrison have information to share with you about elementary mathematics and in particular a response to the question raised by Mr. Aurand at our last meeting regarding whether or not we are teaching multiplication at the elementary level.

**ELEMENTARY LITERACY WORK** – Mr. Abate and I want to make sure we have ample time to hear the one-to-one presentations this evening, so I am just providing you with a bulleted summary of the things we have been working on since our last meeting. You also have documents in your packets to use as reference materials.

- Provided better charts of our reading and writing scores for the past five years
- The core elementary curriculum council teachers and elementary principals met with me on November 6, 2013. You received a copy of our agenda and the work that we completed. These items are included within the agenda and also broken down on the “Comparison” matrix. This matrix breaks down the differences in our literacy program this year compared to last year. The matrix outlines what we are doing this year that we did last year, what we are doing this year that is different from last year, and what is among the work that we will continue throughout this year and into future years.
- Our Intermediate staff developer, Mike Ochs, visited last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Our lab site teachers this year are Carla Wray (3<sup>rd</sup>), Wendy States (4<sup>th</sup>), and Tanna Stenger (5<sup>th</sup>). I provided a copy of the schedule for you, as well as the work the teachers completed to define our Midd-West School District philosophy around teaching reading. Mr. Aurand was able to attend our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade session on Thursday, so feel free to ask him questions about what he observed. Future visitations for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. If you would like to attend a session for kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, those dates are set for January 6 & 7 and March 12, 13, and 14.
- Mrs. Friel will be doing a demonstration of Words Their Way for us on December 16, 2013.

- You have two articles about teaching spelling, since have been specific questions on this topic
- Other immediate work in progress includes:
  - A survey of 26 parents in the district who are also teachers. We will be pulling those results in order to share them with the literacy committee for future planning and with you.
  - One-on-one meetings with parents and teachers to share concerns and affirmations
  - Added Family Literacy Nights to occur in January. More details coming in the future.
  - Invitations to parents to visit reading instruction and talk with us about reading instruction.
  - A scheduled visit (Thursday, November 21, 2013) from Kim Meiss, literacy specialist from the CSIU to look at our work and provide feedback about our progress.
- Our goal is to build a Core Literacy program that is based on what we know are research best practices in teaching reading, writing, spelling, and vocabulary that is aligned to PA Core standards.

#### **MUSTANG MEDIA PRESENTATION – Jamie Azar**

**ONE-TO-ONE UPDATE** – Presentations are prepared for you from the following teachers and students.

- Mandi Romig - English
- Heidi Oldt – Biology
- Nichole Snyder – Mathematics
- Rob Wilson – Physical Science
- Monica Romig – World Languages
- Kacie Bogar – Senior student
- Pete Voss – Social Studies

Please feel free to ask questions following their reports.

Please let me know if you like the format of this report.

Thank you!

*Daphne*